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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REVISION OF CENTO SITUATION PAPER

REF: A. ANKARA 9759; B. ANKARA 9824

1. WE ARE SEEKING CONCURRENCE ON RESPONSE TO ALL LATEST REVISIONS. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR MORE INFORMATION KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS FROM REVISION NO. 3 OF CENTO PAPER: FIRST SENTENCE. E HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PHRASE "THE LATTER POSE" SINCE IT TENDS TO RESTRICT PURVIEW OF PAPER TO SOVIET POLICY.

15. WE AGREE LAST SENTENCE PROPOSED BY PAKS SHOULD BE DELETED. WE HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT SOVIETS VIEW PAKISTAN AS PATH TO INDIAN OCEAN.

20. WHAT IS BASIS FOR PAK PROPOSAL RE AZAD BALUCHISTAN MOVEMENT? WOULD APPRECIATE WORKING GROUPS ASSESSMENT OF STRENGTH OF MOVEMENT, MANNER IN WHICH IT USES IRAQ AS BASE, POTENCY OF "THREAT TO TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF IRAN AND
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PAKISTAN" AND NATURE OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO SOVIETS.

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31. DURING JANUARY 2 MEETING YOU SHOULD TRY TO HOLD OUT FOR LANGUAGE PROPOSED IN STATE 243224 WHICH WE BELIEVE IS ACCURATE. IF NECESSARY, YOU MIGHT SUGGEST ADDITIONAL SENTENCE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "INDIA'S ASPIRATIONS HAVE CREATED UNEASE IN CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTH ASIA."

32. WHAT IS BASIS FOR SENTENCE BEGINNING "AS A RESULT"? TO OUR KNOWLEDGE INDIANS HAVE NOT PLACED NEW EMPHASIS ON INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS EXCEPT IN ECONOMIC AREA OR ON 1971 TREATY SINCE BREZHNEV'S VISIT.

33. WHAT IS BASIS FOR CHANGE FROM "1960" TO "1965"? OUR INFORMATION INDICATES SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO INDIA SINCE 1965 DOES NOT TOTAL ONE BILLION DOLLARS.

46(B). WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY CABLE TEXT AS NOW REVISED.

46(E). WHAT EXPLANATION WAS ADVANCED BY OTHER MEMBERS FOR CONNECTING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ARAB COUNTRIES WITH INCREASED DANGERS OF SUBVERSION AND, PARTICULARLY, INTERFERENCE BY PROXY IN CENTO MEMBER COUNTRIES? RUSH

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